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A short Account of all the most considerable News
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Monday August 12, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 6.

Since our last arrived one Mail from France, and one from Holland.

Constantinople, June 4.

TH E Envoy of the Porte, who returned on the 24th of last Month from Moscow, has brought Assurances to the Sultan, That the Emperor of Russia desires to cultivate a good Harmony with him, accepts the Mediation of the Ambassador of France, and has sent full Powers to his own Resident, for acting in Concert with that Minister, and notify his good Intentions to the Porte, for preventing the Umbrage which the Motions he will be oblig'd to make for procuring the Restoration of the Son of the late Sophy might give. As the Grand Visier is for pacifying Matters and preventing a Rupture between his Master and the Emperor of Russia; 'tis not doubted but he will find Means to persuade the Sultan to remain Neuter.

According to our freshest Advices from Persia, Meriweys being Master of all the Treasures of that Kingdom, destroys with Fire and Sword, all the Places where he meets any Resistance, the better to frighten the strongest Towns into a Compliance.

Vienna, July 31, It has been resolved in Council, That no Alteration shall be made in the Measures already taken by the Emperor, concerning the Commerce and Navigation of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies; and that Resolution will shortly be notified to the Ministers of France, Great Britain and Holland.

Hamburg, August 10. Letters from Hanover say, That an Express had brought Advice there, that a certain Potentate had landed 30000 Men in the Scheren of Stockholm, and that the King of Sweden has assembled his Army to march against him: As this piece of News is believed by some and disbeliev'd by others; we suspend our Judgement till the Arrival of the Post, which is to come in To-morrow.

London, August 6. This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was, 102, 7 8ths. Bank 120, 1 4th. India 130, 1 half. African 10. York-Buildings 8, 3 8ths.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Last Thursday Night, about 10 o' Clock, the Wife of one Kefor, a German, living in Denmark Court near Exeter Exchange in the Strand, having left two small Children at Home, took her third, which was a Girl of a Year and a half old, in her Arms, to York-stairs in York-buildings; and after stripping her stark naked, threw her from the Terras-walk, over the high Walk into the Thames, it being at the Time high Water; and afterwards getting upon the Wall, she cast her self likewise into the River. It happily fell out, That a Waterman was just then laying up his Boat hard by, and hearing them plunge in, he instantly leaped into the Water, with his Pole in his Hand, and first reached the Child, and then sav'd the miserable Mother, who appears to be distracted, and now under means of Cure.

This Day the four Troops of Horse Guards were reviewed in Hidepark, and made a noble Appearance.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Lyme, one of his Majesty's Messengers was sent express to the Court of Hanover.

Last Thursday, being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession, Mr. Doggets Livery Coat and Badge was rowed for, as usual, from London Bridge to Chelsea, by 6 Wattermen newly out of their Time, and it was won by one Howard, who plies at Cupet's Bridge.

The same Day their Excellencies the Lords Justices, put off their assembling at the Cockpit, to Thursday next.

From the Flying Post.

London, August 3. Thursday last, being the Day on which his Most excellent Majesty entered the 10th Year of his Reign; it was observed in the Cities of London and Westminster, and their Suburbs, with the usual Demonstrations of Joy. The Park and Tower Guns fired at One, and the Artillery in Hidepark about Eight in the Evening; at which Time the Forces in the Camp being drawn out before the Line, made three running Fires from the Right Wing to the Left.

The Hanover Grenadiers marched out to the Artillery Ground, and performed a fine Exercise in Honour of the Day.

From the Weekly Journal.

Last Week Dr. West, an eminent Physician of this City, was married to the Widow of Mr. Grantham, late one of the Commissioners of the forfeited Estates, and Member of Parliament; she is said to be a Fortune of 700 *l. per Annum*. The Dr. is her third Husband, and she is his third Wife.

The late Bishop of Rochester, has at last hired a House and taken up his Residence at Brussels, by which we suppose, he has the Emperor's Protection as he required: But another piece of News we have from the same Place, viz. The Post-Boy going as usual with the Mail for Paris from that City, was stopp'd a League off by three Men, who bound the Boy, let the Horse loose, and carried off the Mail, but finding Things of very small Value, 'tis said, left it at some Distance off. This way of Robbery was to them unknown before, and the little Negotiation of Bills between Brussels and Paris makes it still the more surprizing; when we are informed what Countrymen they were, we shall be the better able to account for it. In the mean time, they tell us that great Search is made to find out the Highwaymen, and 'tis to be hoped, they will be found and brought to Justice.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, August 2. An humble Address to his Majesty from the Governour, Council and Representatives of the Province of New-York in America, convey'd in General Assembly, the 25th of May 1723, has been transmitted hither, in order to be presented to his Majesty.

Madrid,

Madrid, July 29, N. S. An Express from Cadiz has brought an Account, That on the 19th Instant, two Ships arrived there from Vera Cruz, very richly laden, their Cargo being valued at above ten Millions of Pieces of Eight; The King's Share of which will, as it is computed, amount to near a Million and an Half. The Marquis de Valero, late Viceroy of Mexico, is come with these Ships.

Stockholm, July 10. O. S. Count Gyllenberg, the Chancellor of the Court, has by Order of the Senate, notified to the Foreign Ministers here, the Resolutions which has been taken in the Diet to give the Title of Emperor to the Czar; and that of Royal Highness to the Duke of Holstein. At the same time, he notified the Restrictions which are annexed to the Complement the Diet has thought fit to make to those two Princes. The Title of Emperor, which is given to the Czar, is not in the least to prejudice the Precedency, or any wise to alter the Ceremonial established between the two Courts of Sweden and Muscovy: But his Czarish Majesty having expressed his Desire to have the Title of Emperor, the Diet has consented he should have that Title, which is to draw no other Consequence after it than that instead of Czar, he be call'd for the future, Emperor.

The Title of Royal Highness is not in the least to prejudice his present Majesty's Interest, nor the Queen's, nor in any manner to lessen the Force and Vigour of the Act of Government, in which its said, That the Succession of the Crown after their Majesties Decease, shall be in all Respects Elective. It was this Day proposed to depute 300 Persons out of all the Nobility to form a Diet of the Assembly of the Nobles; in such sort, that the other 700 should have neither Voice nor Place in future Diets. As this Proposition seemed to have no other View, but the Suppression of the new Nobility (in as much as the ancient Families would not fail to be chosen to form the said Deputation of 300) it was rejected with a great deal of Noise.

From the London Journal.

Advices from Stockholm relate, That some new Demands are started by the Holstein Minister there, particularly, That the Duke his Master not content with having obtain'd the Title of Royal Highness, desires to have added to it, that of Elected Successor to the Crown of Sweden.

The small Pox continues very rife at Paris. The Cardinal Prime Minister, is very much out of Order, or at least fancies himself so, which is what Men advanced to such Honour are too apt to do.

The Account we have had of the Island of St Lucia's being delivered up to the English, appears Groundless, for many of the People who were shipped from hence, in order to have settled there, are returned hence and discharged.

From the Evening Post.

Hanover, August 6. The Duke of York, Bishop of Osnaburg, arrived two Days ago at Herenhausen.

Vienna, July 28. According to Advices from Poland, a Rupture between the Porte and the Russians seems unavoidable.

Prague, July 24. The Imperial Ministers were very busy last Saturday, in a Conference about the Answer to be returned to the Memorials and verbal Representations of the Ministers of Great Britain, France and Holland, relating to the Navigation and Commerce of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies; 'tis generally believed here, that the Imperial Court will not desist from so profitable a Trade.

Brussels, August 2. Mr. Pesters, Resident of the States General in this City, will set out two Days hence for the Hague, to receive Instructions from their High Mightinesses, relating to the Commission he is to execute at Hanover, but before his Departure from this City, he is to deliver to the Marquis de Prie, the last Memorial which was presented to the States General, by the Directors of the Dutch East India Company, and also the Resolutions taken on that Affair by their High Mightinesses, on the 29th of the last Month.

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They write from Cadiz, that two Galleons are arrived there from the Indies, having on Board 8 Millions of Pieces of Eight, and a great Quantity of Gold.

The French and Dutch have sign'd a Contract, by which they oblige themselves to confiscate all Ships from Ostend and other Austrian Ports, that sail from thence to the East Indies: They have sent to the King of Great Britain to Consent to the same.

From the Evening Post, August 6.

London, August 6. On Friday last, at the Adjournment of Westminster Sessions, in Westminster-hall, Her Grace the Dutches Dowager of Marlborough, and diverse other Ladys of Quality and Gentlemen, took the Oaths according to the Direction of the late Act of Parliament in that Behalf, and the Sessions is held every Friday for that Purpose, till the 4th of October next inclusive.

The following Oaths for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, are appointed and required by a late Act of Parliament, to be taken by all Persons as well Men as Women, above the Age of 18; who have any real Estate, or Interests in Lands Tenements, or Hereditaments (not having already taken the said Oaths, since his Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown of this Realm) in one of the Courts at Westminster-hall, or at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty or Place, where such Persons shall Inhabit or live, before the 25th Day of December next, or in Default or Neglect thereof, to register their Names and Estates as Papists are oblig'd &c. before the 25th Day of March next.

I. A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King George.
So help me God.

I. A. B. do from my Heart abhor, detest, and abjure as Impious and heretical that damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated, or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other Person whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual, within this Realm. So help me God.

I. A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my Conscience before God and the World, that our Sovereign Lord K. George, is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions; and Countries thereunto belonging, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of Wales, during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself, The Stile and Title of King of England, by the Name of James III. or of Scotland by the Name of James VIII. or the Stile or Title of King of Great Britain; hath not any Right or Title whatsoever, to the Crown of this Realm, or any the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do Swear, that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty K. George, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity, and I will do my utmost Endeavours to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them. And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power, to maintain, support and defend the Succession of the Crown, against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever, which Succession by an Act entituled. An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutches Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, and Swear according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense, and under-
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standing of the same Words, without any Equivocation, or mental Reservation whatsoever; and I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, Renunciation, and promise heartily, willingly and truly upon the true Faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

From the Flying Post, August 6.

London, August 6. The Dutch Mail has brought us some Advices from Italy; which say, that the Pope has been tampering again with the Popish Princes in the Quadruple Alliance, to induce them to procure some petty Sovereignty for the Pretender. The Czar of Muscovy is sailed with his Armado from Cronstot to Revel.

Letters from Ratisbon say, that the Emperor's Envoys at the Diet, have received Orders from their Court, not to associate any longer with the Envoy of Great Britain, and to forbid their Spouses to frequent the Tea-table of that Minister's Lady. 'Tis suppos'd, that this ill-natur'd Prohibition was obtain'd by some Ministers at the Imperial Court, who are very much nettled by the Character given of them, in a Piece lately drawn up by the Protestants, in which, 'tis said, the British Envoy had the chief Hand.

WYE's Letter verbatim, Aug. 6, 1723.

Paris, Aug. 11. Cardinal Dubois having been very much indisposed for some Time past with a Fistula, resolv'd to undergo the Operation, accordingly set out from Meudon to Versailles the 9th Instant, at 5 a'clock in the Morning: And in the Afternoon, the famous Chirurgion M. de la Perronnie, performed the Operation in Five Minutes and an half; but the Gangrene being got too great a height, His Eminency died the next Day at 5 in the Evening, while the first Dressing was taking off. 'Tis thought at present, the Prime Ministership will not be fill'd up, and that Mr. de St. Contest, Plenipotentiary at Cambray, will have the chief Direction of Foreign Affairs.

They write from Copenhagen, That his Danish Majesty, since the Report of the Sailing of the Russian Fleet from Cronstot, has caused the Troops that guard the Coast of Holstein, to be reinforced, and great Quantities of Corn and Forage to be brought into the Magazines; and has given Orders for levelling all the Banks in the Neighbourhood of Tonningen. They add, That Colonel Schelren, who lay with his Regiment in Fannen, had Orders to march to reinforce the Garrison of that City; and that Colonel Scavenus, with his Regiment of Marines, was ordered to march to Holstein, to supply his Room.

The Jobbers in Exchange Alley, who watch all Opportunities for making their Advantages on ignorant and timorous People, are now busy in instilling Fears and Jealousies of the public News, particularly of the Death of Cardinal Dudois, of the Sailing of the Russian Fleet, and of the Emperor's Resolution to protect and support (maugre all the Instances to the contrary of Great Britain and other Princes) the Offenders in their Trade to the East Indies.

On Saturday last died at Schaw, near Newbury, the Earl of Radnet, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall: He married the only Daughter and sole Heir to Sir John Cuttler. He left no Issue, so that the Honour and Estate falls to John Roberts, Esq; Nephew to the deceas'd. And,

On Saturday last died at Tottenham, the Right Reverend Dr. Fleetwood; Bishop of Ely, in the 76th Year of his Age. 'Tis talked, but with Uncertainty, that he will be succeeded by the Right Reverend Dr. Green, now Bishop of Norwich; and that Dr. Bland, Master of Eaton School, will be nominated to the See of Norwich.

A Holland Mail is just come to hand: The Advices we have by it are:

Hamburg, August 10. Some Letters from Hanover say, That they have received Advice, that the Russians have landed between 20 and 30000 Men in the Scheren of Stockholm, to oblige the Swedes to declare the Duke of Holstein Successor to that Crown.

This News, should it be true, must be very disagreeable to us; the rather, because 'tis fear'd the Swedes have not altogether provided themselves for such a Visit: And consequently, that the Czar may be able thereby to do much Mischief before Assistance can be sent. Mean-time the above Letters mention, that the King of Sweden was assembling all the Force he could, to make head against the Invaders.

The Affair of Religion is another melancholy Prospect: Concerning which we are inform'd, by Letters from Hanover, That the K. of Great Britain had sent Orders to his Minister at the Imperial Court, to make strong Remonstrances touching the Delays of redressing the Grievances of the Protestants, and so, of accommodating the Differences betwixt the King of Prussia and those of Mecklenburg.

The Crews of the Guardships are ordered to be augmented with 20 Men each.

General Sabine was to set out on Thursday last for Scotland, to review the Land Forces there.

Brigadier Groves and General Wills are preparing to set out: The Former, for Bristol, and the Latter, for Salisbury; to review the Forces that are encamped there.

Yesterday was to be heard in Chancery, the Petition of Mr. Pool against Sir Humphrey Mackworth, relating to the Affair of the Mine Adventure. But the Latter not appearing, was ordered to be taken into Custody.

The King of France has appointed the Duke of Orleans First Minister of State.

Last Friday the Dutchess of Marlborough and the Countess of Bolingbrook, took the Oaths at Westminster-hall.

Edinburgh, August 12. We should have told you in our Last, That t'other Day the Good and truly Virtuous Princess, Her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Gordon, arrived from England, and is lodged in her old Apartment in the Canongate. Her Grace was welcom'd by all the Neighbourhood in general, and in a particular Manner, by the Distress'd and Indigent, who had suffered greatly by Her Grace's Absence; wishing Her all Happiness, and to live and [late] to die in the Canongate.

Their Graces the Duke and Dutchess of Queensberry arrived also here lately from His Grace's Country Seat of Drumlamrig. Last Friday His Grace was splendidly entertain'd by the Magistrats, and did the City the Honour of being received a Burgher of it.

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That upon the 27th Day of July, 1723. Thomas Wat, Soldier in Captain Richard Hull's Company of the Royal North British Fusiliers, now lying in the Canongate, deserted from the said Regiment upon the above Day; so if any Person or Persons can apprehend and deliver the said Thomas to the said Regiment, shall have five Pounds Sterl. Reward from the said Captain Hull instantly payed. The said Thomas was Born in the Paroch of Prestonhall, East-Lothian, aged 27 Years, Standard five Foot nine Inches, pockfreted, and of a Tannish Complexion.

That the Lands and Barony of Auchinleck, lying within the Parochin of Monikie, and Sheriffdom of Forfar, paying of yearly free Rent 1060 L. 2 sh. 6 d. Scots of Money, 30 Bolls, 3 Pecks Bear, and 57 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 1 Peck Meal; with the Mansion House, Orchards, Plantings and Inclosures; having a good Freestone Quarry, and good Moss and Muir belonging thereto; with a good Pidgeon-house, and 46 1 Half-dozen Poultry, and several other Conveniences not rental'd; all holding Blanch of the Crown: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon the 15th Day of August next, in the House of Thomas Gentleman Vintner in Dundee. The Progress of Writs and Rental, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of James Johnston Writer, in Dundee.

An Account of the Particulars may also be had at the Exchange-Coffee-house in Edinburgh.

These are to give Notice, that upon the 13th of August next, by the Adjournment from July 29, in the House of Arthur Reid, Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale by way of voluntar Roup, the Lands and Barony of Timwall, with the Patronage of the Kirk of Timwall, large Mansion-house, Orchards, Yards and other Pertinents, holding Blanch of the Crown: As also the Lands of Brunskaireth, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The said Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Moss, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniences, and ly within 3 Miles of Drumsfries. As also the Lodging in the Covenant-Close in Edinburgh, lately posselt by the deceas'd William Alves, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progress of Writs are to be seen at the Writing-Chamber of Andrew Alves, at Don's-Close-Head, opposite to the Luckenbooths.

EDINBURGH:

Printed for Mr. WILLIAM ROLLAND, by WILLIAM ADAMS Jun. Whose Printing-house is now remov'd from Carrubber's Close, to Craigforth's Close, first Door of the first Turnpike on the Left Hand: Opposite to the General Post-office, near the Trou-Church; where the Caledonian Mercury is to be had for the future.